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Amendments to the Claims:

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for gathering information for a directory on a packet switched network, the method comprising:
  - determining a directory that is related to a first web site, wherein the directory identifies a first plurality of content objects tagged in accordance with a predetermined set of content object classes;
  - reporting the directory to a second web site a first time, wherein the second web site identifies a second plurality of content objects organized in accordance with the predetermined set of content object classes to create a global directory, and wherein the second plurality of content objects includes the first plurality of content objects and a third plurality of content objects identified in directories associated with other web sites;
  - detecting changes on the first web site;
  - updating the directory with the changes; and
  - reporting the directory to the second web site a second time.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, further comprising categorizing the first plurality of content objects available from the first web site into the predetermined set of content object classes.

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4. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the directory comprises a catalog of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

5. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the directory includes at least two of a file name, a path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

6. (Previously Presented) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, the method further comprising:  
determining a second directory that is related to a third web site; and  
reporting the second directory to the second web site.

7. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

8. (Previously Presented) A method for gathering information for a directory on a network, the method comprising:

determining a directory that is related to a first web site, wherein the directory identifies a first plurality of content objects tagged in accordance with a predetermined set of content object classes;

reporting the directory to a second web site a first time, wherein the second web site identifies a second plurality of content objects organized in accordance with the predetermined set of content object classes to create a global directory, and wherein the second plurality of content objects includes the first plurality of content objects and a third plurality of content objects identified in directories associated with other web sites;

setting a timer in response to the reporting the directory;

detecting the time value on the timer; and

reporting the directory to a second web site a second time.

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9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method for gathering information for the directory on the network as recited in claim 8, further comprising categorizing the first plurality of content objects available from the first web site into the predetermined set of content object classes.

11. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the network as recited in claim 8, wherein the directory comprises a catalog of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

12. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the network as recited in claim 8, wherein the directory includes at least two of a file name, a path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

13. (Previously Presented) The method for gathering information for the directory on the network as recited in claim 8, the method further comprising:

determining a second directory that is related to a third web site; and  
reporting the second directory to the second web site.

14. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the network as recited in claim 8, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for gathering information for a directory on a packet switched network, the method comprising:

determining a directory that is related to a first web site, wherein the directory identifies a first plurality of content objects tagged in accordance with a predetermined set of content object classes;

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reporting the directory to a second web site a first time, wherein the second web site identifies a second plurality of content objects organized in accordance with the predetermined set of content object classes to create a global directory, and wherein the second plurality of content objects includes the first plurality of content objects and a third plurality of content objects identified in directories associated with other web sites;

setting a timer in response to the reporting the directory;

determining changes on the first web site;

updating the directory with the changes;

detecting the time value on the timer; and

reporting the directory to a second web site a second time in response to the detecting the time value.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, further comprising categorizing the first plurality of content objects available from the first web site into the predetermined set of content object classes.

18. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the directory comprises a catalog of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

19. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the directory includes at least two of a file name, a path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

20. (Original) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

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21. (New) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the content object class identifies a subject matter of a particular content object.

22. (New) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the directory includes a content identifier, a content location and metadata that describes the directory.

23. (New) The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the directory is accessible by users from the global directory.